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SUBJ: ZAIRE CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MOBUTU'S REGIME.

SEVEN HEADS OF STATE IN ATTENDANCE; MILITARY HARDWARE

DISPLAYED; CORNERSTONE FOR PEOPLE'S PALACE LAID.

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. IN WEEK OF FESTIVITIES, INCLUDING THREE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS, ZAIRE HAS CELEBRATED FACT OF TEN YEARS CONTINUAL GOVERNMENT BY GENERAL MOBUTU SESE SEKO. CELEBRATIONS HAVE BEEN MARKED BY ATTENDANCE OF CHIEFS OF STATE OF BURUNDI, CAR, GABON, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, TOGO, UGANDA. OTHER DELEGATIONS IN ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCED BY OFFICIAL PRESS: NORTH KOREA (PAK SEUG TCHEVS, VICE-PRIME MINISTER); NIGERIA (COLONEL GARBA, FOREIGN MINISTER); LIBYA (DR. EL MAGSI, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE); EGYPT (DR. MUSTAPHA KAMEL, MINISTER OF EDUCATION); CHINA (CHUNG YUNG HSIN, MINISTER OF EDUCATION), GREAT BRITAIN (GENERAL MANS), BELGIUM, RWANDA, AND UNITED STATES.

2. HIGHPOINT OF CELEBRATION WAS MILITARY PARADE, IN WHICH PRESIDENT NEW KAMANYLA DIVISION (NORTH KOREAN TRAINED) GOOSE STEPPED PAST REVIEWING STAND. PARADE WAS CALCULATED TO IMPRESS VISITORS WITH ROW UPON ROW OF MOBILE ARMAMENTS: NORTH KOREAN AND CHINESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, CANNONS, TANKS, AND TROOPS CARRIERS, JAPANESE JEEPS, FRENCH TRUCKS, AND AMERICAN-MADE AMPHIBIOUS TROOP CARRIERS. OVERHEAD, HELICOPTERS AND AMERICAN-MADE TRANSPORT PLANES WERE OVERSHADOWED BY DISPLAY OF ZAIRE'S NEW MIRAGES.

3. CELEBRATION ALSO MARKED BY DEDICATION OF NEW GENERAL MOTORS PLANT (EXCELLENT FRONT PAGE NEWS COVERAGE) AND LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE FOR PEOPLE'S PALACE, A GIFT FROM CHINA TO ZAIRE WHICH WHEN COMPLETED WILL COVER 18 HECTARES. CHINESE AMBASSADOR SEIZED OCCASION TO NOTE COMMON THIRD WORLD ROLE OF TWO COUNTRIES: TO COMBAT IMPERIALISM AND TO DEVELOP. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
CELEBRATION HAS BEEN WELL PLANNED, EMPHASIZING ZAIRE'S POSTURE AS THIRD WORLD STATE, INDEPENDENT OF ANY SOLE INFLUENCE AND STRONG AS A MILITARY POWER IN CENTRAL AFRICA. PRESS HAS BEEN SOLICITOUS OF AMIN WHILE AT SAME TIME REMINDING HIM THAT MOBUTU GOT HIM OFF HOOK IN THE HILL'S AFFAIR. PRESS HAS ALSO NOTED PRESENCE IN KINSHASA OF SENGHOR WHO WILL GIVE SEMINAR ENTITLED "NEGRITUDE AND AUTHENTICITY", LENDING HIS CONSIDERABLE PRESTIGE TO MOBUTU'S PHILOSOPHY OF AUTHENTICITY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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